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Colonel Robert D. (Bob) Peterson District Commander



Colonel Bob Peterson assumed command of the Huntington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on July 29, 2009. As the District Commander, he is responsible for carrying out the District's mission within the Ohio River Basin, which includes more than 300 navigable miles of the Ohio River in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio, plus nine major tributaries. This area encompasses 45,000 square miles in five states – WV, KY, OH, VA, and NC. His staff of more than 900 employees supports the District's mission to operate and maintain 35 multi-purpose reservoirs and 9 locks and dams, providing flood damage reduction, commercial navigation, recreation, and water supply while protecting the environment. The District is involved in significant planning, design, and construction efforts that address replacement of outdated navigation structures on the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers, dam safety measures at operating projects in central Ohio and southern West Virginia, other significant water resource challenges, as well as emergency management. His staff performs the Corps' regulatory mission in West Virginia and Ohio.

Colonel Peterson has held a variety of command and staff assignments including: Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, 8th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood TX; Company Commander, 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne), Operation Desert Storm - Iraq and Fort Bragg, NC; Project Engineer, Savannah District, USACE; Director of Engineering, U.S. Military Training Mission, Saudi Arabia; Group Engineer, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Battalion S3, 37th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Engineer Troop Commander, 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment – DELTA (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Battalion Commander, 577th Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Plans Chief, Standing Joint Force Headquarters - USSOUTHCOM, Miami, FL; Deputy C7, Multi-National Corps – Iraq, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Peterson graduated in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and from the U.S. Army War College with a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies. His military education includes the Engineer Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses; the Combined Arms Service Staff School; the US Army Command and General Staff College; Joint Forces Staff College; the U.S Army War College, and the Basic Airborne and Jumpmaster Schools.

Awards include the Bronze Star Medal, three awards of the Defense Meritorious Serve Medal, six awards of the Meritorious Serve Medal, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, two awards of the Army Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Bronze Order of the deFleury Medal.

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